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For: GOLD CONJUGATES CONTAINING DETERGENT

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 15, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24, 31 and 34 as follows:

24. (Amended) A method for stabilizing conjugates composed of colloidal particles and biomolecules, the method comprising:

- adding detergent to a solution containing biomolecules, and thereafter
- loading colloidal particles with the solution
- wherein the colloidal particles are used without being previously treated to subdivide agglomerates.

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